

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Tetsunori FUJISAWA et al

Serial No. 09/581,402

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NOVEL METALLOPROTEINASE  
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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Sir:

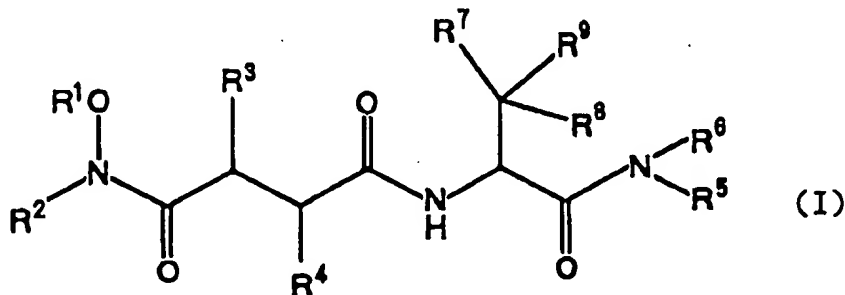
Responsive to the Official Action dated May 31, 2002, the time for filing thereto being extended for three months in accordance with the Petition for Extension submitted concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Claims:

Kindly cancel claims 2 and 3 without prejudice.

Please amend the following claims as indicated.

4. (Twice Amended) A pharmaceutical or veterinary composition which comprises (a) an effective amount of at least a member selected from the group consisting of a compound of the formula (I):



wherein  $R^1$  to  $R^9$ , all have the same meanings as defined in claim 16, and a pharmaceutically or veterinarily acceptable salt or solvate thereof, and (b) a pharmaceutically or veterinarily acceptable excipient or carrier.